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Int. One of life's greatest secrets is a PROPER POSITIONING OF PRIORITIES:
   OR A Putting of First Things First!

   John 17:3  Cannot love one we do not KNOW, Goal: Eternal life.
   Prov. 1:7  REVERENCE God. Reverence: "Profound respect mingled
            with LOVE and AWE." Webster.

SERMON TITLE sounds like we believe in an INCOMPLETE and IMPERFECT GOD. Not so.
General Principle: To every rule there is an exception. (Generally true.)
   chooses

1. GOD IS ALL-WISE. Able to know everything, if He
   Does not know what He has chosen not to know. Still OMNIESCENT.

2. GOD IS ALL-PRESENT. Prov. 15:3. Able to be anywhere chooses to.
   Is not present anywhere He chooses NOT to be. Still OMNIPRESENT.

   Does not do what He chooses not to do. Still OMNIPOTENT.

APPEARANCE OF A CONTRADICTION: God CAN do all things. God CANNOT do all things.

1. God in His perfect-righteousness has ordained a system of right and
   wrong, rewards and punishments. Sets limits on us and Himself.

2. God, in His Scheme of Redemption, limits Himself and governs some of
   His own actions by immutable (unchangeable) laws—which even
   He CANNOT (WILL NOT) break, alter or adjust.

With this as a background, we wish to now study FOUR THINGS GOD CANNOT DO.

Close: Some things God CAN do.
I. GOD CANNOT LIE.

A. Titus 1:1-3. God promises Eternal Life to those who BELIEVE and OBEY His only begotten Son.

DO YOUR PART properly and you CANNOT be lost. GOD WILL IT!

B. Hebrews 6:13-19. God gave His WORD and His PROMISE to Abraham and to make the promise fool-proof He confirmed it all with His OATH.

(All heaven and earth and generations before and after could pass away, but God's Word-Promise-Oath cannot be changed. This is the Christian's STRONG CONSOLATION. "The Lord said it and He will perform it. God cannot lie to me."

II. GOD DOES NOT ERR.

A. James 1:13-18. There is no variableness nor shadow of turning.

1. All men are susceptible to temptation. I Cor. 10:13.
2. Satan does the tempting. I Peter 5:8.
3. God makes the way of escape. 2 Cor. 13:7-Good work.
4. THEREFORE, when man sins he yields to his own lusts. He is to blame.

Ill. Centerville, Texas man: "God made me weak. I can't help being an adulterer!" Nonsense! God made us all weak. Romans 3:23.

God gave us a way of escape. I Cor. 9:27.
III. GOD CANNOT SAVE A MAN IN SIN. He is bound by His own Just Laws regarding Sin and Salvation.

A. If the Bible teaches anything unquestionably clear—this is it.

B. Bible Amply Illustrates This.
   2. Ananias and Sapphira died in the sin of lying to H. S. Acts 5.
      Know of no hope for them.

IV. GOD CANNOT REWARD THE WICKED AS HE DOES THE RIGHTEOUS.

A. Believe many American citizens are living under the GREATEST DELUSION of all times! ACT as though God will reward all men equally no matter the kind of lives they have lived. Not so. Bible teaches opposite!
   Rev. 21:3-4 vs 21:7-8. Man determines his destiny in life.

COMFORT: You CAN be saved. Saved FOREVER. Saved NOW.
V. SOME THINGS GOD "CAN" DO. Bible book of Positives as well as Negatives.

1. CAN love us even when we are sinners. John 3:16. Romans 5:8.
2. CAN save us to the uttermost. Heb. 7:25. Completely, perfectly, to the end.

What a difference SALVATION makes in the life of a man & his family.


"Need God?" I surely do. "Come to our services!" I will.
Need Christ! I do. Need to obey gospel! I will. Did.

Few years passed: Called to the hospital, SP hospital, Houston. Dying but cheerful, happy, contented and ready. Very thankful!!!

Few weeks later: Called to his reward. Preached his funeral. Wife: How can I ever thank you enough?

Answer: Just thank the Lord. Thank the Lord.

Because God:

- Loved him.
- Saved him.
- Blessed him.
- Stayed near all the way. Went quietly and contentedly into the Valley of the Shadow of Death.

God CAN do the same for you, if you will obey his Will.